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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RESCUED BY LIBERIAN-REGISTERED
MV "WORLD KINGDOM"

REF: SINGAPORE 3926 AND PREVIOUS

1. MV WORLD KINGDOM, A 78,000 TON ORE AND OIL CARRIER,
ARRIVED AT SINGAPORE QUARANTINE ANCHORAGE SEPTEMBER 5 AT
1100 HOURS AND WAS IMMEDIATELY BOARDED BY DOCTORS SENT
BY SHIPPING AGENT, A TEAM OF SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT DOCTORS,
MEDICAL SUPPORT STAFF, AND THE UNHCR REP. MOST OF THE
54 REFUGEES ABOARD WERE FOUND TO BE SUFFERING FROM MAL-
NUTRITION, EXPOSURE, DYSENTERY AND SALT WATER BOILS, AND
SOME WERE TOO WEAK TO WALK. ELEVEN OF THEM REQUIRED IMME-
DIATE HOSPITALIZATION AND WERE TAKEN TO MIDDLETON HOSPI-
TAL, A SINGAPORE GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL FOR INFECTIOUS
DISEASES. THREE MOTHERS ACCOMPANYING THEIR SMALL
CHILDREN WERE ALSO PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION AT
HOSPITAL. REMAINING REFUGEES WERE TAKEN TO UNHCR
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SEMBAWANG CAMP WHERE THEY JOINED THE 500 OR SO
REFUGEES ALREADY HOUSED HERE. PERSONS INVOLVED IN
LANDING OF THE REFUGEES REPORTED THAT DISEMBARKA-
TION WENT SMOOTHLY. ALL REFUGEES WERE LANDED BY
1700 HOURS AND ON THEIR WAY TO TEMPORARY QUARTERS.

2. STRAITS TIMES FOR PAST TWO DAYS HAS CAR-

RIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLES ON RESCUE OF REFUGEES BY
WORLD KINGDOM AND THEIR ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE.
STORIES HEADLINED "20 DIE DURING HORROR VOYAGE,"
"END OF SEA ORDEAL, REFUGEES TELL OF HUNGER, THIRST
AND DEATH DURING TERRIBLE VOYAGE," "REFUGEES IN
SHOCKING CONDITION." ARTICLES HAVE DRAMATIZED AND
PRODUCED UNPRECEDENTED LOCAL INTEREST IN PLIGHT OF
REFUGEES ESCAPING VIETNAM. FACT THAT USG HAD
EXTENDED GUARANTEE TO ACCEPT WORLD KINGDOM REFUGEES IF NO OTHER
COUNTRY WOULD TAKE THEM WAS GIVEN PROMINENT MEN-
TION IN STORIES. PRESS TREATMENT CONTRASTS WITH
MINIMAL SPACE NORMALLY ACCORDED REPORTING ON
REFUGEE RESCUES AND ARRIVALS IN LOCAL PRESS.
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